with the net result of the present arrangement, which is on the whole more economical.

The X-ray apparatus in the General Hospital.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

294. Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) When was the order given for the X-ray apparatus for the General Hospital?

(b) Has it reached Cochin, and if so, when?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) The order for the X-ray apparatus was given by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer on 4th May 1925.

(b) Yes. It reached the General Hospital on 18th December 1925.

The work done by the Reserve Hands in the General Hospital.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

295. Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the work, with dates, done by the two Reserve Hands in 1100 referred to in the reply given to question No. 7 (a) of the Hon'ble Member for Narakkal in the last session?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The Reserve Hands were doing duty in the following leave arrangements during the year:—

Sub-Assistant Surgeon, T. Krishnankutti Menon.

1—1—1100 to 14—1—1100		in the leave arrangement of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, P. George Joseph.
15—1—1100 to 10—3—1100	do	K. Kochunni Menon.
11—3—1100 to 11—5—1100	do	P. A. Rama Ayyar.
12—5—1100 to 2—8—1100	do	Mrs. T. Francis.
3—8—1100 to 2—9—1100	do	P. Narayana Menon.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon, M. C. Poulose.

1—1—1100 to 18—6—1100	do	Assistant Surgeon H. Narayana Kamath
19—6—1100 to 18—7—1100	In the	Cholera duty arrangement of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, M. Usmankhan.
19—7—1100 to 7—9—1100	do	Leave arrangement of Sub-Assistant Surgeon, V. Narayana Menon.

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They were also working in the casual leave arrangement of the Medical Officers of the General Hospital besides doing duty as Assistants in the Ophthalmic Dispensary and in the In-patients' department of the General Hospital. No dates can be furnished for these duties.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Of course, when an Assistant Surgeon is sent out to do some work, he will be served with an order, and is not his duty to report when he comes back to the Hospital that he has returned after the work? If that is so, why is it that no dates can be furnished as to the date on which he was on other duty?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The answer given applies only to the leave arrangements, but for all the other days they have been working on other arrangements.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

There must be some definite record to show that such and such a man worked on such and such a day, in such and such a place. It is so much all the better. It is only the leave arrangements that is shown here.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The reply applies to the whole question.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

Now, he says that the answer is for the whole question. I do not think it is so.

PRESIDENT.

Will there not be a register showing the dates on which these Assistant Surgeons were working outside?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

No record is kept anywhere except for casual leave and other leave arrangements. When he is sent out for an acting vacancy, his departure and arrival are noted, and when he works here in the General Hospital after his return, we never keep any record.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

When he returns, he reports, I think?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Of course. The absence will be noted in the case of casual leave and other leave arrangements. But as to the other acting arrangements, it is not worth while to keep any record, because

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he works in the General Hospital itself but in a different section or ward.

PRESIDENT.

There will be a record of the casual leave and other leave arrangements.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Oh, yes.

PRESIDENT.

As to the arrangements, I think that, even after a laborious search of all the records, I think these temporary arrangements could not be found out.

Dr. A. G. MENON.

My object in asking this question was to know whether some mistakes were made, and I wanted to see whether the hands in the department have sufficient work, which, I am sure, they have not, and thus I could prepare my way for the next budget session. If the Government finds it difficult to answer the question, I accept the difficulty.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

I wish to raise a point of order. No dates can be supplied on account of the difficulty. It does not serve any public interest for which these questions were asked. The question is not one for furnishing the statistics or, I may say, the records for the last 10 or 15 years. It is only for one year. Now, the answer is given here that no dates can be furnished, no record is kept for all arrangements, and I ask whether any member can get up and say that without assigning any reasons. I doubt very much on that point.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

No dates can be furnished as to the minor arrangements. As to the casual leave and other arrangements, when men are sent in acting vacancies, there is a record. In the Ophthalmic Dispensary no record is kept as to the dates on which such and such persons were in charge for such and such a period. That is a very difficult thing. Further, nowhere are such records kept. My reply implies that. It is not done anywhere, not even in British India, so far as I know.

The appointment of Medical Surgeons for Medical Inspection in Schools.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

296. In answer to question No. 2 of the last session, the Government has stated that two special Assistant Surgeons were deputed for the medical inspection of schools. Will the Government be pleased to state:

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